

Torrance, California
July 13, 1937

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, July 13, 1937 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. Absent: Councilman Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned regular meeting held July 6, 1937 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from George A. Campbell requesting veteran's permit to sell soft drinks, etc. on the cliff at Hollywood Riviera.

This matter was referred to the City Clerk to get further information and report back at the next meeting.

Communication from the Richfield Oil Company advising that no pipe lines were laid or removed by the Pan-American Petroleum Corporation from January 1, 1937 to June 30, 1937.

Communication from T. J. Nestor re flood conditions in his tract known as Nestoria, and requesting a letter from the City Council to be used in endeavoring to get the condition remedied.

Engineer Leonard reported that he had talked with Engineer Howell of the County Flood Control Board and that he had explained that steps would be taken to alleviate the condition.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to write a letter to the Flood Control Board, with a carbon copy to Mr. Nestor. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from Dr. J. S. Lancaster suggesting the placing of street signs on Narbonne Avenue in South Torrance.

Engineer Leonard said that about eight or ten signs would be needed.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this matter be referred to the Street Department for investigation and report at the next meeting. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from the State Board of Equalization regarding Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and the participation of city councils and other governing bodies in enforcing the act, and requesting a letter telling of a suitable location in which hearings might be held.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this matter be referred to the City Clerk, who should notify the State Board of Equalization that the Court Room may be used. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Clerk then read a communication addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees, which Mr. Ludlow had requested him to read to the City Council. The letter concerned the appointment of Mrs. Mitchell as custodian of the Walteria Library and was from Miss Vogleson, County Librarian, who also inclosed a copy of her letter to Mrs. Mitchell, giving the salary and schedule of hours.

The Clerk also read a letter addressed to Mr. Dale Riley, Recreation Manager, concerning the forming of an amateur boxing club and requesting the use of the Municipal Park and of the Civic Auditorium for matches, a percentage of the gate receipts to be given to the City.

After some discussion, the matter was referred to the Park Board to make a report at the next meeting.

Clerk Bartlett read the assessed valuations for 1937-1938 of real estate, improvements and personal property, the total amount being \$16,835,145.00. He stated that the valuations on utilities had not yet been received.

Communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce outlining the various community promotional activities programmed

for the fiscal year 1937-1938 and requesting that funds be appropriated.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the report be filed for future reference. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING
EXECUTION OF LEASE WITH JAMES LEWIS FOR LIBRARY
BUILDING IN WALTERIA

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1138 be adopted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1139

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY
OF LEASE WITH ROBERT NUCKLES COVERING 2347
ARLINGTON AVENUE, TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FROM
JULY 1, 1937 TO JUNE 30, 1938

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1139 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1140

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THIRD PARTIAL PAYMENT OF
\$3015.00 TO ESER WIKHOLM, LTD., IN CONNECTION
WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, P. W. A. DOCKET 1487-D

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1140 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1141

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTIONS NOS. 659,
701 AND 1133, AND ADOPTING NEW WATER AND
METER RATES AND/OR DEPOSITS THEREFOR,
EFFECTIVE JUNE 22, 1937

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1141 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1142

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING CITY CLERK AND CITY
TREASURER TO DEDUCT PREMIUMS ON ACCIDENT AND
HEALTH POLICIES FROM SALARIES OF CITY EMPLOYEES
AND TRANSMIT SAME TO AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1142 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Engineer Leonard stated that the architects had telephoned him this date regarding the Council's decision as to the type of flooring to be used in the Administration Building.

He was asked to notify the architects that the specifications will be followed without any change.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the contract with the Torrance Municipal Band be renewed. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Mayor Tolson presented a request from the Fire Chief that the Council approve the appointment of H. W. Jones as a call member of the Fire Department, to fill the vacancy of J. D. Leggate, resigned, and Mayor Tolson moved that this appointment be approved. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Geardt and a delegation from North Torrance presented a petition from his district, requesting the City Council of the City of Torrance to install an adequate distribution system for domestic, agricultural and fire protection purposes, and proceed to form a district for financing such system. This petition was signed by 14 persons, representing 52 acres of land.

The North Torrance people were asked to have a committee meet with the City Engineer on Thursday, July 15, 1937, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to indicate the proposed assessment district on a map.

Councilman Deininger moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

At 9:15 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Deininger, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, July 20, 1937 at 4:45 P.M.

A. H. Banters
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. E. Tolson
Mayor of the City of Torrance.